

Hospital Advisory Group Meeting

August 12, 1999, 1:00 p. m.

Meeting Summary

**Next meeting: Wednesday, November 10, 1999 10:00 a. m. IDEM Shadeland Offices
- 2525 N Shadeland Conference Room D - second floor**

- Dave Wintz gave a brief update on the Ogden Martin permit issue. As of August 12, the permit was in public comment period and the public comments were being addressed by IDEM. This permit is being written by the Office of Air Management and the Office of Solid and Hazardous Waste Management.
- With us at the meeting from the Office of Air Management were Susan Bem, Autumn Marker, Kathy Moore and Wanda Stanfield. These topics were covered by the individuals from OAM:
 - Permitting for your medical waste incinerator
 - Incinerator issues: Is your operator training up to date? Is your waste being handled properly? Is your incinerator operating correctly and within the parameters of the rule?
 - Permitting for other combustion sources such as boilers, generators, etc.
 - Title V/Part 70/FESOP/SSOA permitting issues and what the thresholds are for each permit level
 - Construction permitting and New Source Review
 - Local jurisdictions for permitting in certain cities

Bottom line: if you are a hospital and you have not calculated your potential to emit and your actual emissions, you should do that as soon as possible to determine your source category. If you construct something that emits pollutants and do not comply with permitting requirements or if you are operating without a required permit, you may face penalties from IDEM. Many hospitals do not need permits or registrations, but you must do the calculations to confirm. For example, a boiler that is less than 10 million BTU is considered an insignificant activity in most cases and would not require a permit or registration. Call Dave Wintz of CTAP for confidential compliance assistance. You may also call the Office of Air Management, but they do not operate under a confidentiality mandate.

- We distributed handouts from the Office of Air Management, such as the Draft Facility Operating Conditions for medical waste incinerators, SSOA for boilers and other documents. If you need any of this information, call Dave Wintz. Air permits are also available on-line at www.state.in.us/idem/oam.

- Dave Wintz discussed IDEM's recycling grants program. If you are a not-for-profit hospital, there is grant money available to help you fund your recycling project. Call Dave if you want information on the grants program.
- We discussed the AHA/US EPA Memorandum of Agreement that calls for the virtual elimination of mercury from hospitals by 2005. IDEM will continue to work on a medical waste management guide for Indiana hospitals. This guide would cover solid waste, special waste, hazardous waste, medical waste and other issues related to IDEM, US EPA and Department of Health rules.
- We discussed some topics for upcoming meetings and meeting locations. The consensus was that we were on the right track and most people liked the Shadeland Avenue location for meetings.

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